

## ***DISTRICT IV ADVISORY BOARD***

### **MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

7:00 p.m.

Stanley/Aley Community Center, 1749 South Martinson

#### **Members Present**

Paul Ward  
Iola Crandall  
Wayne Wells  
Ed Koon  
Jerry McGinty  
Tom Kessler

#### **Members Absent**

June Bailey  
Dorman Blake  
Chris Carraher  
Bonny Johnson-Patrick  
Bea Vickers

#### **Guests**

Donnah Taylor  
Off. Richard Mellard, C.P. West

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Call to Order**

**Council Member Gale** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Council Member Gale** asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the January 17, 2001 DAB meeting. **Koon (McGinty)** made the motion to have the date changed from January 10, 2001 to January 17, 2001. (6-0)

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

**Council Member Gale** asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **McGinty (Ward)** made a correction to the date on the minutes from January 10, 2001 to January 17, 2001. (6-0)

#### **Public Agenda**

**1. Scheduled items – None submitted**

**2. Off-agenda items**

#### **3. Community Police Report**

**Ward** said a meeting was held concerning the amount of burglaries occurring along South Seneca and Broadway. **Officer Mellard** said the police had identified some of the burglars, and know of some that are still at large. The meeting was held in order to make residents aware of these burglaries, methods used, and identify suspects. **Koon** asked about the response to the

meeting--if many people attended. **Officer Mellard** said they had a good turnout. The officers had passed out over 3,000 flyers to area residents and businesses.

**Action: Received and filed.**

### **Planning Agenda**

**No items submitted.**

### **Public Works Agenda**

**No items submitted.**

### **Unfinished Business**

**None submitted.**

### **New Business**

#### **4. Charter Ordinance on Council Compensation Increase**

**Donnah Taylor, 514 W. 34<sup>th</sup>**, said there was no need to have a mayor if a manager's position exists. She feels that is the same as having two (2) mayors. She suggested using the manager's salary to give the council members a raise.

**David** said it is too much money too fast. The raise should be done in increments. The raise should only be given to full-time council members and full-time mayor. He agreed that it's not necessary to have a manager. **Ward** asked if he didn't want a manager. **David** responded that he didn't think we needed a manager if we have a mayor. **Ward** stated that the City seems to be moving forward and said that having both a mayor and a city manager has been a help to Wichita.

**McGinty** handed copies of information regarding pay increases that the Dallas, Texas City Council had received for each member of the Board. He read highlights of the Dallas proposal: Council members, including the mayor, are paid \$50 for each meeting they attend. Among the 10 largest cities in the country, Dallas and San Antonio do not pay their council members full-time salaries. The 15-member council presides over the ninth-largest city in the country, with a \$1.8 billion budget and more than 12,000 city employees. The last time voters approved a pay increase for the City Council was in 1968. That was when the per-meeting payment went from \$20 to \$50. McGinty is in favor of the council members having an increase, as long as the city manager is eliminated from Council compensation. He is against the mayor receiving \$75,000, when there is also a city manager. He questions the amount of the increase for the mayor, when there is a city manager.

**Taylor** asked for a description of the City Manager's job. **Council Member Gale** answered that he is the Chief Executive of the City. **Taylor** wanted to know what the mayor's job description is. **Council Member Gale** said he chairs committees, meets appointments and represents the City. His duties are similar to that of the Council members.

**Koon** stated that he opposes having a full-time mayor. He also opposes the mayor and the city manager having executive salaries. After much deliberation, he suggested submitting the issue to voters of the City of Wichita.

**Wells** said he feels the mayor and the council members are underpaid and need additional compensation. Wells said that he could not support the increase due to the wording of the information, however. The last paragraph of the information states: "The District Advisory Boards are requested to review this item within the next 30 days (month of February) and to return with a recommendation clearly indicating either support or denial of a salary increase." **Wells** said that he does support a "modest increase to the council members", but he cannot give the council a definite recommendation to either support or deny the proposed increases. **Ward** said that he agrees with Wells--give a small increase and review the issue again at a later date.

**Koon** stated that it appeared that two (2) concepts exist: 1) accept mayor and council members as full-time workers and compensate them for their time; and 2) change their duties and responsibilities to part-time.

**Kessler** said he likes the structure the way it is set-up. He believes the increase is very justifiable.

**Koon (Kessler)** made the motion to recommend disapproval of the increase until the public is allowed to vote. When an election is done, we will support the decision of the public. (6-0)

**Action: The Board unanimously recommended the Council Compensation Issue be subject to a public vote. The Board will make a recommendation based on the outcome of such a vote.**

## **Board Agenda**

### **5. Report on Police Department Focus Group**

DAB members did not participate in the meetings.

**Action: Received and filed.**

### **6. Neighborhood Issues/Reports**

**Ward** said the South West Neighborhood Association had nothing to report. There will be a Cruiser meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. about the parade on Pawnee and 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Koon** informed the public that the Mini-City Halls are being remodeled with CDBG funds. He had the plans available for anyone to see.

**Wells** informed the public that the continuation of the Delano Plan was to be at the MAPC public hearing.

**Crandall** informed the board of the Spring Yard Clean Up. Lawrence Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will be spending a day in the community to assist with yard clean up. The clean up date is scheduled for a Friday in April.

**Action: Received and filed.**

### **Other**

#### **7. Neighborhood University /DAB Session**

Wayne Wells and Paul Ward volunteered to participate in a DAB roundtable session for Neighborhood University, February 24, at the Sedgwick County Extension Center.

**Action: Wayne Wells and Paul Ward will participate on the Neighborhood University DAB roundtable session.**

**Council Member Gale** received a resignation from Bonny Johnson-Patrick. She is heading the River Festival Board for this year. He also received a notice from the Sedgwick County Manufacturing Housing Association. They want to have DAB IV attend one of their meetings.

Being no further business, **Council Member Gale** adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**Submitted by,**

**Fátima Crump  
Neighborhood Assistant**